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15 April 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : SA/DCI/IA

SUBJECT : NSC Meeting on U.S. National Security Strategy,
16 April 1982

1 This is a short note to review the essence of our discussion with [redacted] yesterday afternoon. Harry has provided you two books for the meeting. The first contains those papers which are listed on tomorrow's agenda (i.e. Parts I, II, and III, Sections A, B, and C). The second book contains the other sections of Part III, which are to be reviewed at a later meeting.

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2. Harry mentioned that the only significant bone of contention that has arisen in this exercise concerns U.S. contingency planning for the Persian Gulf. Harry mentioned that JCS holds the position that our current five-year defense planning will not permit us to defend both Europe and the Persian Gulf against Soviet aggression. Informal proposals have been kicked around outlining what augmentation would be required to carry out both military missions (i.e. basically more air and sea lift capability). At least one other position has been mentioned according to Harry, which involves threatening the Soviets in some other area which would cause them to cease efforts to move into the Persian Gulf. One such move might be the threat of destroying the Soviet Navy.

3. You raised the issue of security assistance and how it might be used more effectively to protect our interests in the Third World. Section F of Part III deals with security assistance but will not be on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting. Dick and I marked your copy yesterday of Section B of Part III dealing with the role of allies and others to indicate those few references to the role of security assistance. To support your point, I will give you multiple copies of the world map you asked to be modified indicating where countries are threatened by insurgencies backed by the Soviets or their proxies. [redacted] meanwhile, is providing you the data on security assistance which you discussed yesterday.

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